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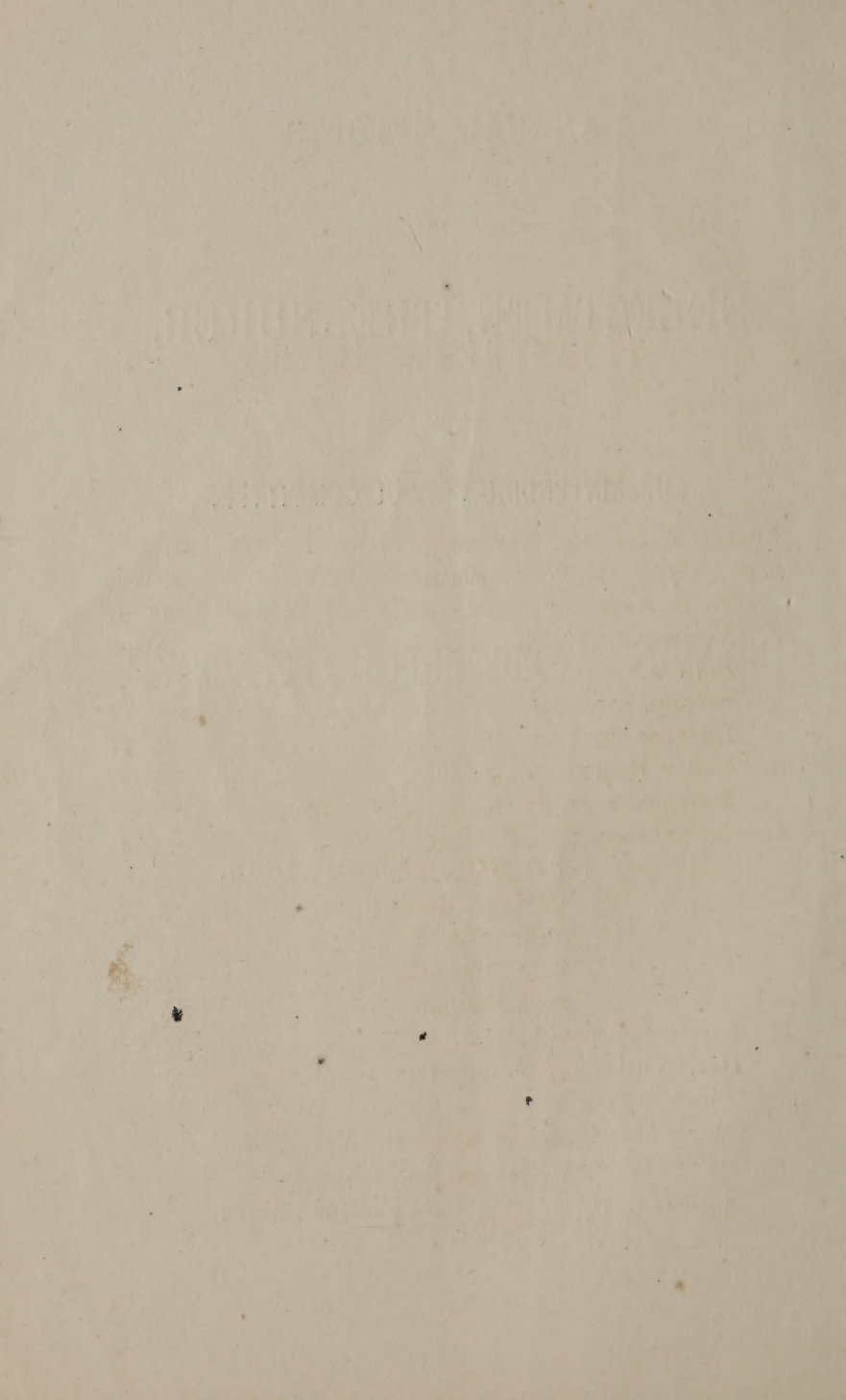
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS OF TREASURER.

Amount in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1879	\$509 12
Received of H. H. Gile, collector for 1876, 1877	550 00
R. B. Foss, collector for 1878 and 1879..	7,417 97
Insurance tax.....	30 00
Railroad tax.....	542 13
Savings Bank tax.....	890 74
Literary fund.....	85 47
Use of Hearse.....	5 00
Merrimack county, for support of Paupers	560 10
<i>Lots in Cemetery</i> —H. P. Gage.....	15 00
R. B. Foss.....	5 00
Mary M. Kimball.....	5 00
Heirs of J. E. Langley....	5 00
A. W. Prescott	5 00
Fred Mitchell	15 00
For rent of town hall	15 00
David Ordway, for support of Joseph Ordway in 1878.....	25 00
City of Manchester for support of Mrs. Joel Page in 1878	10 00
Total receipts	\$10,690 53

ORDERS PAID BY TREASURER.

Paid State tax.....	\$1,784 00
County tax	2,376 56
School house tax in Dist. No. 2.....	30 00
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	\$4,190 56

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid School District No. 1.....	\$200 00
“ “ 2	303 27
“ “ 3	139 00
“ “ 4	712 28
“ “ 5	122 49
“ “ 6	108 70
“ “ 7	48 00
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	\$1,633 74

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Benjamin A. Ham, selectman....	\$128 80
Alfred T. Martin, “	104 00
Milo L. Whitney, “	103 40
James W. Converse, town clerk.....	30 00
Richard A. Lantry, town treasurer	23 00
S. G. Kellogg, supt. school committee	50 00
Warren M. Kelley, supervisor.....	14 00
Albe Morrill, auditor, 1878	5 00
Richard B. Foss, collector.....	152 23
H. H. Gile, collector for 1877	10 80
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Total paid town officers	\$621 23

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid abatement on tax list of 1877.....	\$11 87
“ “ 1878.....	79 17
“ “ 1879.....	42 95
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	\$133 99

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid non-resident tax paid in labor.....		\$345 57
Moses Collins, labor on highway.....		4 75
Milo L. Whitney, ".....		7 70
George H. Tufts, ".....		55 04
George A. Tufts, ".....		12 54
W. B. Gillis, ".....		4 74
Warren M. Kelley, ".....		3 88
Harmon F. Blood, ".....		7 62
John McKenzie, building culvert, dist. No. 4		30 00
Leonard Severance, labor on highway.....		62 86
Jonathan S. Johnson, ".....		35 11
Chas. Colby, " '78 & '79		23 70
Alfred T. Martin, ".....		7 00
Frank P. Poor, ".....		7 28
Thomas Jones, ".....		5 00
William W. Weir, ".....		6 88
Gilman Martin, ".....		16 18
John Ela, ".....		10 12
Frank Rollins, ".....		5 70
M. D. Stokes, " 1877..		7 00
John S. Cole, " 1879..		2 98
James M. Garland, ".....		2 25
George A. Harriman, " 1878..		3 00
B. F. Farnum, " 1879..		16 55
A. J. Butterfield, ".....		1 50
Joseph Colby, ".....		3 62
Joseph Silvia, " 1878..		1 00
Robert B. Neal, " 1879..		23 79
George C. Johnson, ".....		14 99
Amos I. Pollard, ".....		9 79
Josiah W. Prescott, " 1878..		3 00

Paid Cyrus Whittemore, labor on highway, 1878	\$2 47
Harrison Rowe, " 1878 and 1879	13 37
William Hardy, "	50 00
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	\$806 98

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid George A. Robie, taking affidavits.....	\$2 00
Robert B. Neal, public watering place and repairing guide boards	4 00
Moses Collins, posts and rails for highway..	3 25
Thos. J. Cate, damage on highway	5 00
George A. Harriman, services as police, 1879	11 00
James M. Garland, public watering place..	3 00
Samuel Head, wood for Mrs. E. Clark....	8 25
J. O. Ingalls, care of hearse and harnesses..	5 00
W. U. Tel. Co., telegraphing on pauper case	2 46
F. C. Towle, goods delivered Mrs. E. Clark	11 17
R. Woodbury, lighting town bridge	35 00
F. C. Towle, oil, &c., for town bridge	6 45
A. W. Head, services as police, 1878, 1879	6 00
John B. Paine, damage on highway.....	8 00
F. C. Towle, spikes and nails for town....	10 79
A. W. Prescott, public watering place, 1877, '78, '79, and taking affidavits.....	10 00
John L. Garland, damage to fence in cross- ing land.....	3 00
Warren M. Kelley, damage by water from highway to land and buildings.....	20 00
Robt. M. Ordway, posts and rails for highway	87 80
Geo. A. Harriman, covering stone.....	2 00
J. O. Ingalls, teams to Bow on road case....	4 00
Amos I. Pollard, service as police, 1878 & '79	25 00
Richard A. Lantry, bounties paid on foxes and hawks.....	5 30

Paid O. H. Goodale, labor on town hall	\$2 25
Concord R. R., freight on road scraper.....	60
Albe Morrill, auditor for 1878	5 00
Dr. I. H. Adams, referee in Sumner Ord- way case.....	1 00
Henry Burke, damage to carriage on highway	5 00
H. Bonney, wood delivered Mrs. E. Clark ..	2 00
Phillips & Kimball, returning births and deaths, 1878	3 00
S. D. McAfee & Co., goods delivered Mrs. E. Clark.....	5 00
E. E. Goodale, services in Gardner case....	5 00
“ care of tramps and station house building.....	3 40
David A. Kimball, referee in Sumner Ord- way case.....	1 00
J. T. Morey, wood for Mrs. E. Clark.....	3 00
Sumner Ordway, damage received on highway	35 00
Benj. A. Ham, inventory and tax book.....	5 80
Thos. H. Tuson, printing town report for '78	25 00
Benj. J. Gile, straps for hearse	3 50
John W. Prescott, wood for town hall.....	4 50
Harrison Rowe, lumber for highway	8 11
Morrill & Danforth, insuranoe on bridge and station house.....	63 50
W. M. Davis, land taken for highway.....	12 50
Mary Wise, care and nursing Mary Robinson	12 00
Thos. Jones, damage to cellar by water from highway.....	5 00
L. Burnham, running line between Bow and Hooksett	1 58
George Keeler, service as police	3 00
Albe Morrill, surveying highway.....	2 00

Paid O. S. Eastman, printing bills	\$1 50
Natt & W. F. Head, lumber.....	64 35
Town of Franklin, doctor's bill for Mary Robinson	23 00
Whitney & Shirley, building highway.....	375 00
Town of Franklin, board and care of Mary Robinson	47 50
P. Pattee, coffin and burying child found in river.....	2 00
George A. Harriman, covering stone.....	4 25
Morrill & Danforth, insurance on bridge....	15 00
Milo L. Whitney, lumber for culvert.....	15 67
Cheney & Co., express on packages.....	1 05
Registrar of deeds, copy of deed of town- house lot.	1 31
A. T. Martin, labor in cemetery, S. Hooksett.	4 50
Town of Goffstown, expenses burying W. H. McIntire	28 00
Benj. A. Ham, stationery, &c	7 20
R. B. Foss, expenses to Concord to get council	5 00
John Wheeler, public watering place, 1878-79	6 00
Albe Morrill, relotting and drawing plan of cemetery, South Hooksett.....	10 00
County Commissioners on road hearing.....	50 00
A. J. Butterfield, public watering place 1879	3 00
V. M. Gile, boarding J. W. Gile children ..	96 00
Temple & Farrington, books and stationery..	1 20
W. Harvey, surveying and drawing plan of highway	12 75
H. Austin, damage to sheep by dogs.....	25 00
A. J. Butterfield, damage to carriage on high way	2 50
Benj. A. Ham, cash paid on pauper cases....	8 50

Paid Dr. I. H. Adams, medical attendance on Mary Robinson	\$8 00
H. Bonney, boarding Town Council at Road hearing.....	6 00
S. D. McAfee & Co., Goods del'd Mrs. E. Clark	3 75
E. Pronk, blanks and expense procuring same	2 10
“ care of town hall, and furnishing wood, oil and lamps.....	24 57
E. Pronk, services as police, 1879.....	5 00
F. P. Poor, damage to horse and sleigh on highway	10 00
F. P. Poor, public watering place, 1879	3 00
Benj. A. Ham, cash paid for books and warrants.....	6 08
George W. Keeler, services in O. H. Martin case	5 44
E. Pronk, wood and care of tramps.....	13 96
Dr. I. H. Adams, medical attendance on Mrs. E. Clark.....	44 85
Dr. I. H. Adams, returning births and deaths for 1879	7 25
Mayhew Clark, public watering place, 1879	3 00
R. B. Foss, for Town of Hooksett, taxes on non-resident land not sold, taxed to G. H. Seavey	18 10
Alfred T. Martin, expense and time moving Nancy Worthing to County Farm.....	5 00
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	\$1,472 59

MISCELLANEOUS COUNTY EXPENSES.

Paid Barr & Clapp, goods delivered Mrs. Jackson	\$69 25
C. P. Morse, for coffin.....	8 00

Paid Dr. Custer, medical attendance on J.W. Gile	\$28 00
Dr. I. H. Adams, med. attendance on paupers	90 50
Chas. Burnham, boarding Moses Lull	2 75
A. T. Martin, digging grave for J. W. Gile.	1 50
Melendy & Poor, coffins	16 00
A. Secoy, house rent for paupers	50
S. D. McAfee & Co., goods del'd paupers ..	43 32
Concord R. R., tickets for paupers	7 25
John Roby, goods delivered paupers	6 52
F. C. Towle, goods delivered paupers	9 33
“ R. R. tickets for paupers	25 50
Appha Kimball boarding J. Ordway, pauper	96 00
A.J.Fifield, boarding Nancy Worthing, pauper	87 68
V. M. Gile, support of J. W. Gile, pauper..	68 00
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	\$560 10

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax	\$1,784 00
County tax	2,376 56
School house tax	30 00
School money	1,633 74
Town officers	621 23
Abatement of taxes	133 99
Roads and bridges	806 98
Miscellaneous town bills	1,472 59
Miscellaneous county bills	560 10
John S. Cole, note and interest	1,076 42
S. D. McAfee & Co., interest on note...	103 17
Amount in hands of treasurer	91 75
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	\$10,690 53

RICHARD A. LANTRY, *Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

S. D. McAfee, note..... \$600 00

AMOUNT DUE THE TOWN.

For support of county paupers since Feb. 1, 1880	\$61 00
Amount due from H. H. Gile, collector for 1877	474 74
" R. B. Foss, " 1879	145 37
Arthur I. Lawrence, for lot in cemetery.....	6 00
Heirs of John Tenant, " 	15 00
J. Philbrick, " 	15 00
H. C. Carbee, " 	15 00
Julia Risley, " 	15 00
G. H. L. Head, " 	15 00
Ames F. Rowell, " 	15 00
G. W. Haselton, " 	15 00
S. T. Goodale, " 	15 00
Geo. M. Hobbs, " 	6 00
James Hussy, " 	6 00
C. F. Kimball, " 	5 00
J. Caldwell, " 	3 00
Paid County Commissioners on road hearing, to be refunded by Seth Quimby, defendant...	50 00
	\$877 11

Balance in favor of town..... \$277 11

BENJAMIN A. HAM,	}	Selectmen
ALFRED T. MARTIN,		of
MILO L. WHITNEY,		Hooksett.

This is to certify that I have audited the Treasurer's and Selectmen's accounts and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORIN J. PRESCOTT, *Auditor.*

HOOKSETT, N. H., March 1, 1880.

SCHOOL REPORT.

It needs no formal report of the condition of our schools, from any official, to inform those parents and guardians who have taken the interest they should, as to whether our schools are good, bad, or indifferent. The careful parent watches the condition and progress of school and scholars with deep solicitude, for not only is the well-being of the individual scholar involved, but the welfare of the community, the progress of the state, and the prosperity of the country. The common school is the bulwark of the country, and its institutions.

Ignorance is not only not the "mother of devotion," it is not the friend, and ally, but rather the enemy of a free government—it puts in peril all its interests.

The education of the masses depends upon the common school, and upon the education of the masses rests the integrity of the state and the welfare of the country. An ignorant individual, family, or neighborhood, is an element of danger.

Every enlightened parent must feel this, and feeling it must be deeply anxious to secure the best schools possible.

To do this requires the best *teachers* possible. To be a good teacher is not merely to possess a sufficient knowledge to instruct, but to have an aptness to teach, and the moral and social qualities necessary to be developed in the pupil. In fact to reach the highest success requires a rare combination of elements. A teacher may have knowledge, but of what avail unless with it a power to impart—may be possessed of moral qualities but of what use without power to impress them.

The teachers employed in town the past year have with hardly an exception, accomplished their work as well as could be expected under all circumstances. In some instances the best teachers can do but little, owing to the brevity of the terms and other causes—the pupils only get fairly under headway when the money is exhausted and the school closes. In this connection let me call the attention of the residents of Districts No. 6 and 7 to the matter of consolidating the districts agreeably to statutory provisions. There is scarcely a good reason why

two schools with so few scholars should be maintained. Neither of the present school buildings is really fit for use, and by erecting a neat, tasteful, and yet inexpensive structure, at some central point, all the pupils might be accommodated, and longer terms secured, with corresponding enthusiasm and success arising from larger classes. Practically this was done during the winter term, as a large majority of the scholars in No. 7 attended school for a part of the term in No. 6. Could all have done so, and for the entire year, it would have been a decided advantage to both schools. The only possible objection would be the distance which a very few pupils would have to travel. But by an act of the legislature of 1878 it becomes possible for such pupils as live more than one and one half miles from school to have 10 per cent of their school money appropriated to expense of conveyance.

In reference to school books very little change has been made. Harper's series of Geographies, introduced last year, are giving great satisfaction.

We are glad to note a more general attention to drill in mental arithmetic. We believe that if there could be a general introduction and use of Colburn's Mental Arithmetic, than which a better was never published, the interests of pupils would be enhanced.

In our Grammar school, there has been introduced Barnes' History of the United States as a *supplementary reading book* with good success. More attention should be given to reading and spelling. In reading, many of the pupils are too eager to get into the advanced classes, and are using readers far beyond their capacity. The remedy for this lies largely with the teachers. The very general use of Dinsmore's spelling blanks has proved of great advantage, more time should be given this branch. Your postmaster will tell you that correspondents whose letters are received at his office, spell Hooksett in at least 24 different ways! How many of these ways would be employed by the pupils of schools in town is a problem.

One fault cannot escape our criticism—the irregular attendance of some of the scholars.

It is an unmixed evil, affecting not only the individual scholar, but the whole school, and parents who allow it, in their scholars, for slight reasons, or for no good reason, are highly reprehensible.

With these general remarks, which might easily be greatly extended, we add a few words respecting individual schools and teachers.

DISTRICT No. 1.

NATT HEAD, Prudential Committee.

The Spring term was taught with good results by Miss Flora E. Campbell of Concord.

The Summer and Winter terms were taught by Miss Annie A. Barter of Concord.

Miss Barter's first term was well conducted and gave universal satisfaction. The winter term was seriously embarrassed by the prevalence of scarlet fever, necessitating the closing of the school for a few weeks. After commencing again, in the belief of some of the patrons of the school, the teacher did not sustain her previous reputation for fidelity to the interests of the pupils, and after seven weeks she resigned and the school closed.

DISTRICT No. 2.

ALBE MORRILL, Committee.

This school is still in progress.

The Spring term was taught by Miss Flora J. Haynes of Manchester, with her usual success.

The Fall term was under the instruction of Miss Medora Edmunds of North Weare. Miss E. is an experienced teacher and discharged her duties faithfully, but the state of her health would not admit of her accepting the school for the winter, and the district very fortunately, succeeded in again engaging Miss Haynes. Miss H. is an energetic teacher, firm and decided in her discipline, elements which are required in that school. While the pupils are generally well disposed, there are some who are difficult of management, and in some instances the teacher is not sustained by home influence and authority.

DISTRICT No. 3.

W. S. WIGGIN, Committee.

- Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Mary M. Grady of Suncook. Miss Grady is young and had had but little previous experience as a teacher. She is however thoroughly qualified to instruct a school of that or even a higher grade, and your committee is satisfied that she was faithful to her trusts and that the criticism to which she was subjected by some of the residents of the district was uncalled for and cruel, and that those who refused to send their children did so to their own injury.

DISTRICT No. 4.

O. J. PRESCOTT, Committee.

The schools, Primary and Grammar, have been under the direction of the veteran teachers Misses Abbott and Bickford of Concord, who have conducted them with marked success. It would be difficult to find a teacher better adapted to the task of training nearly fifty young scholars than Miss Abbott, now closing her twentieth term in the Primary department, while in the Grammar school Miss Bickford has met her responsibilities faithfully though encountering the difficulty at which we have glanced the irregular attendance of some of her pupils.

DISTRICT No. 5.

CLINTON SHIRLEY, Committee.

Both terms were taught by Mrs. Alice J. Sawyer of Hooksett. Mrs. S. is faithful in the school room and the younger pupils made good progress. Some of the older scholars were quite irregular in attendance and did not advance as could have been desired.

DISTRICT No. 6.

JOHN WHEELER, Committee.

Both terms taught by Miss Ella A. Brown of Manchester. Miss B., for one so young, is a remarkably successful teacher and the wonder is that with such ability the citizens succeeded in keeping her in so small a school. The discipline was perfect—no more quiet and orderly school could be wished for, and her methods of instruction, and her general bearing was such as to induce self-reliance and self-respect in the pupil, and affection for the teacher.

DISTRICT No. 7.

EDWARD WILLIAMS, Committee.

Both terms taught by Miss Mary E. Fuller of Hooksett.

This was her first experience in teaching and she discharged her duties faithfully. But a single instance of unfavorable criticism occurred and this we are compelled to feel was not the fault of the teacher. Nothing but commendation was heard at the final examination.

S. G. KELLOGG, *Supt. Com.*

HOOKSETT, Feb. 27, 1880.



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

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